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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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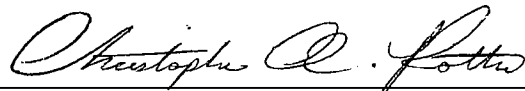
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This is in response to the Restriction Requirement stated in the Office Letter dated **February 27, 2008**. The Examiner requires that an election be made between either Group I, claims 1-18 and 22, drawn to "a method of making a fiber"; or Group II, claims 19-21, drawn to "a fiber manufactured by the method of claim 1".

Applicants respectfully submit that the restriction was made in error. 37 C.F.R. § 1.475(b), which relates to the unity of invention requirement in the national stage, states that claims directed to: (1) a product, and (2) a process specially adapted for the manufacture of the product, will satisfy the unity of invention requirement. The claimed fibers of Group II are necessarily made by a process of Group I, and therefore a process of Group I is necessarily adapted to make the claimed fibers of Group II. Therefore, unity of invention is met between the Groups.

In view of the specific error noted above, Applicants elect Group I, claims 1-18 and 22, drawn to "A method of making a fiber". This election is made **with traverse**.

Respectfully submitted,



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